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1. On 6 December 1952, an order for 13 SMK-75 type motorboats for Soviet  
25X1 [redacted] in Ketschendorf on the Spree was placed with Yachtwerft  
25X1 Berlin (yachtbuilding yard). On 9 December 1952, two identical boats  
25X1 equipped, however, with a different type of engine, were ordered [redacted]  
25X1 The two orders were given by the commanding officer [redacted]

2. The two orders were cancelled in February 1953. Instead, the Yachtwerft in  
Berlin was ordered to build a total of 100 SMK-type boats for the German  
Sea Police. The previous SMK-type was powered by a 75-h.p. BMW engine  
giving a speed of 34 kilometers per hour. As this speed was considered  
not great enough, it was planned to construct improved types of boats.

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